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MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
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AGRO-PRODUCTS IN RURAL AREAS OF MAHARASHTRA

2681. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any long term scheme for processing of agro-products in the rural areas of Maharashtra; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, the Ministry of Food Processing industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Central Sector Umbrella Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) since 2016-17 for overall growth and development of food processing sector including processing of agro-products. Under its component schemes, MoFPI provides mostly credit linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) in the form of grants-in-aid to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing / preservation industries. PMKSY is not region or state specific but demand driven and is implemented across the country including rural areas of Maharashtra.

Also, as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative, MoFPI is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme-PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) for providing financial, technical and business support for setting up/upgradation of two lakh micro food processing enterprises through credit linked subsidy during five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25. A total of Rs 39.63 Crore has been released to the state, so far under the scheme.
